



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe we've reached the end of Term 3. It seems to have flown by yet we've managed to fit an awful lot in. It has been a busy term, we've had trips, sports fixtures with successes, an Art exhibition, Children's Mental Health Week, Safer Internet Day and finally parent consultation evenings this week.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to a successful half-term.

Best wishes, Mrs Garnham  
Executive Head Teacher

## Internet Safety

This year's Safer Internet Day was on the **6<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. At school, all pupils have learnt how to stay safe on the internet through assemblies, workshops and lessons. It is also important that you, as parents and carers, are monitoring your child's online use at home, including devices such as computers, tablets and phones. Please use the following link for various help and advice when it comes to online safety:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>



### Attendance

Meadowside Primary School aims to encourage every pupil to achieve the highest possible levels of attendance in order to take full advantage of the learning experiences available to them. The School adopts the Government definition of good attendance as being 97% or above. This term our attendance was **95%**

**Don't forget it's Teacher Training Day on Friday 16th February . School Reopens to pupils on Monday 26th February.**

### Amendment to the School Behaviour Policy

We would like to draw your attention to an amendment in the above policy concerning;

**Pupils' Conduct Out of School- 'DFE Behaviour and Discipline in Schools 2016'**  
**pg 11.**

You can find out more details by clicking here:

<https://www.meadowsideprimary.org/for-parents/policies-reports>



## Meadowside's Cricket

### Super Stars

Last week saw the return of the Kettering Old Grammar School cricket competition. Last year Meadowside won the indoor and outdoor events in an unprecedented double! It was always going to be a tough act to follow, with a whole new team. However, as usual, if you ask our pupils to step up, they always do their best. In a rematch of last year's final we were up against Barton Seagrave and also like last years final, Meadowside won by 12 runs! so we retained our trophy.

Well done to the Year 6 Cricket team, with a few more cricket competitions coming up, we are looking very good indeed!



## Writing Assembly

Wednesday 14th

February



On Wednesday, our first writing award assembly took place, where one child from each class was selected by their teacher for an outstanding piece of writing this term. Parents and carers

of these pupils were invited to watch their child receive a backed piece of their work to keep, as well as a shiny new badge that we hope to see our pupils wearing proudly at school. Our next assembly will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, so look out for an invitation!



## Buttercups

This half term the Buttercups have been learning about fairy tales. We have had great fun making and baking gingerbread men, Gruffalo crumble and trying porridge like goldilocks ate with different toppings too! We have been learning about Chinese New Year and we made a Chinese drum and a lantern. We have started to learn phonics and we are doing really well.

Keep up the amazing learning Buttercups!



## Reception

The Owls and Robins have been learning all about minibeasts and have enjoyed bug hunting around the classroom. We have used the Superworm story in our English work to write sentences about the characters, make list of insects we could see throughout the story and label parts of various minibeasts. In Maths the children have learnt about mass and capacity and have used their maths language to describe the volume of water in their bottles (Full, empty, half full, half empty, nearly full, nearly empty). We have also been looking closely at numbers 5,6,7,8, particularly the composition of 5. Owls and Robins are becoming more confident to explain how they can make the number 5 with different numbers. During Art Owls and Robins have explored patterns and made repeating patterns with different resources. Lastly in Geography/ Understanding of the World learning we have talked about weather and seasonal changes and have been looking out for the signs of spring.



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy Spring 1 term. We have loved learning about the different countries and capital cities of the UK. We have enjoyed developing our knowledge of human and physical geographical features and had lots of fun spotting different features during our walk around Burton Latimer. In Science we have focused on staying healthy and different types of exercise. In DT we designed our own fruit salad and are excited to make it very soon! In Art, we have studied the famous artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and created our very own fruit faces using collage techniques and printing. We are looking forward to continuing our 'Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots' topic next term and enhancing our learning with a trip to Sacrewell Farm in March!



## Year 2

The first half of Spring term Year 2 have been learning about the world in Geography, including continents and oceans with a focus on Antarctica. We have learnt about expeditions to the South Pole by Captain Scott and more recently Preet Chandi. We were amazed by how they were able to survive in such cold temperatures. In Maths we have begun multiplication and division which now means we can play TT rockstars! Who will be the first to earn a certificate? In English we have innovated the story of Lost and Found and recently wrote poems about colours and seasons. We created spreadsheets in computing and most excitingly designed and made our own soups in Design Technology. This included preparing the vegetables before cooking.

### Year 3

Year 3 have had a creative term looking at sculpting clay and making their own coil pots. We have also written their own Greek myths and created a Biography of a Greek God/Goddess. In maths pupils have been looking at measure and how to calculate the perimeter of a shape.



### Year 4

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed having ukelele lessons with Mr Dicken from NMPAT. Learning an entirely new skill has been challenging and has tested our coordination and resilience but we are looking forward to sharing our new found talent with you at a later date. Heron class have also been swimming and all adults involved with this have commented on their excellent behaviour and attitudes. As a result, the progress has been fantastic to see, with all pupils gaining in confidence and showing real enthusiasm. We hope they get to further practise these skills outside of school too. It's Osprey's turn now! Our topic of mountains and weather has led to us rehearsing knowledge and learning lots of new information. We can talk all about different mountains, using technical language and applying that knowledge to make decisions such as which mountain we would rather climb. We have been equally busy tackling multiplication and division in Maths and writing diaries and disaster stories in English. Definitely a busy but enjoyable term.



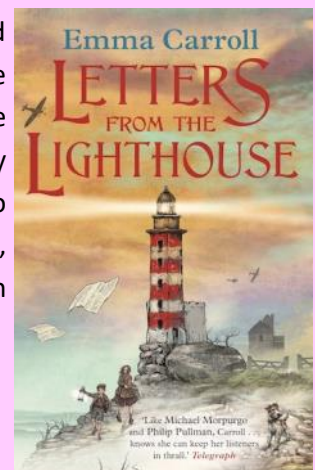
### Year 5

This term Year 5 pupils succeeded in their learning and made good progress. They worked hard solving fraction problems and learnt short division. In Religion and Worldview lessons pupils enjoyed learning about Islam and what Muslims believe.



### Year 6

In Year 6 this term we have made a great start to our new topic: Keep Calm and Carry On. The pupils have enjoyed learning about the Blitz, evacuees and the Battle of Britain. Our class novel 'Letters from the Lighthouse' has helped with this and we are slowly discovering Sukie's secret! We were also lucky to have a visit from Paul from the Royal British Legion, who spoke to us about Dunkirk and even brought in a 90-year-old military police uniform for us to try!



# School Notices

## Good Luck

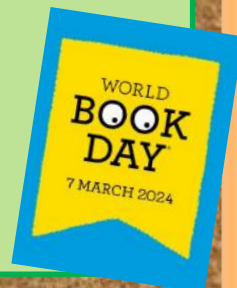
Good Luck to all the children taking part in the Young Voices Concert in Birmingham on Friday 23rd February. We cannot wait to hear all about their experience when we return to school after half term.



## World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

Our theme this year is 'Non Fiction' Children are invited to come dressed as a book character or something from a non fiction text i.e a car, an animal or anything that interests them. We look forward to celebrating this fun day with the children and share a love of reading together.



## Save the Date

### Spring Term 2

W/B Monday 4th March	Creative Mission Religion and Worldviews
Monday 4th March	Buttercups Parent Consultations
Thursday 7th March	Buttercups Parent Consultations
Tuesday 15th March	Year 1 Trip to Sacrewell Farm
Friday 22nd March	House Afternoon
Wednesday 27th March	Head Teacher's Afternoon Tea

### End of Spring Term Thursday 28th March

### Summer Term 1

Friday 26th April	Year 3 Assembly
W/B 6th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 10th May	Year 1 Assembly
Tuesday 14th May	New Starters Welcome Evening September 24 Reception
Friday 17th May	Year 5 Assembly



### Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May Half Term